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## 1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers

Census Centre of NBS is responsible for the management and maintain of BR in China. It is four levels of census centre system. It is about 30 persons at national level, 442 persons at provincial level(31 provinces), 1894 persons at municipal level(330 municipalities), 3827 persons at county level(1173 counties). Census centre at each level is responsible for not only economic census (and agriculture census or population census) but also BR maintain and updating. So BR is hard task for census centre. Up to end of 2007 BR of national level is of 6,540,000 legal units and 8,320,000 establishments. In addition 40,000,000 individual businesses exclude BR of NBS.

## 2. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

The years of 2008 is the most important and busiest year, a lot of preparation work for the Second National Economic Census had be accomplished.

**In the first place** design the unified program on economic census nationwide. The program contents mainly include as followed:

- a. Census objects and scale
- b. Census contents and survey method
- c. Questionnaire design and indicator explanation
- d. Definition and regulation on legal unit establishment and individual business
- e. Concrete principal and regulation on census organization and implementation at four levels from state to county

**Secondly** design the unified enumeration program nationwide. Each province and county must conduct enumeration according to state unified demand from September to December 2008. Through enumeration decide various legal units and establishments to fill out various questionnaire in formal census. Certainly another important aim of enumeration is to update BR totally in census year.

**Thirdly** national office had supplied unified training to province and county staffs on economic census program and enumeration program.

**In addition** NBS continually strengthen coordination and cooperation with other administrative agencies. Especially during enumeration period NBS sign an agreement with other five government agencies. In this agreement demand other government agencies supply the important unit information which they had registered to promote enumeration work.

## 3. Issues solved, problems and future plans

### Problem

The big challenge is how to link up and unified the standards of the units and codes among the related government departments.

### Future plan

Firstly update BR entirely after the second national economic census.

Secondly deepen the work for application and development of BR so as to enhance BR system quality.